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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is filed in response to the August 27, 2002 final Office Action.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by this amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".